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SUBJECT: FRENCH INTEREST IN URENCO-BRAZILIAN ARRANGE-
-- MENTS

REF: SMITH-FARLEY TELECON

1. WE HAVE CHECKED OUT THE FRENCH ACCOUNT OF THE
SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY 12 BILATERAL WITH DE GUIRINGAUD IN
NEW YORK, AS GIVEN TO GERRY SMITH BY JACOMET. THE
SECRETARY CONFIRMS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE APPARENTLY MIS-
UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE SAID, AS SMITH SUSPECTED. THE SECRETARY
REITERATED TO DE GUIRINGAUD OUR DISLIKING FOR THE FRG-
BRAZILIAN DEAL. WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO ABOUT
IT AS LONG AS THE TWO PARTIES REMAINED DETERMINED TO GO
AHEAD, HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE DEAL WOULD
NOT BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED; E.G., A SMALLER PILOT ENRICHMENT
PLANT SEEMED LIKELY. HE DID NOT MENTION THE URENCO-

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BRAZILIAN ARRANGEMENT FOR IAEA STORAGE OF PLUTONIUM, SO
THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ASSERTIONS THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WAS
APPROVED BY THE U.S.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CLARIFY ANY MISUNDERSTANDING
ON THESE POINTS WITH JACOMET AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND COMMISSARIAT OFFICIALS. THEY SHOULD BE LEFT

IN NO DOUBT THAT WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO SENSITIVE NUCLEAR
FACILITIES IN BRAZIL AND HAVE NOT GIVEN AGREEMENT TO ANY
ARRANGEMENT FOR SEPARATION AND STOCKPILING OF PLUTONIUM
IN BRAZIL.

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